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Enclosed herewith for filing is a patent application of Bernard Bon entitled "PROCESS FOR MANUFACTURING A TIRE SAFETY SUPPORT AND SUPPORT OBTAINED BY THIS PROCESS" which includes:

[X] Specification	<u>19</u> Total Pages
[X] Claims	<u>5</u> pages
[X] Abstract	<u>1</u> page
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of U.S. Serial No. 09/842,523, filed April 25, 2001, which claims priority to FR 00/05346, filed April 25, 2000.

[X] Amend the specification by inserting, before the first line, the following sentence:

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☒ The entire disclosures of the prior applications are considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and are hereby incorporated by reference therein.

☒ An Assignment of the invention to Michelin Recherche et Technique S.A.

☐ is attached. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.

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☐ Information Disclosure Statement __ pages

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☐ Copies of 4 references, 2 English abstracts, and 1 Search Report are enclosed.

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Also accompanying this patent application are:

☐ Application Data Sheet

☐ Non-Publication Request

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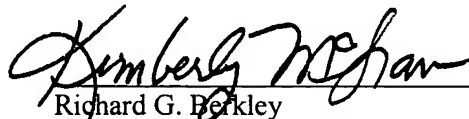
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